

A BALANCED RESOLUTION ON
IRAQ

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2006

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, as someone who voted against the original legislation authorizing the U.S. military action in Iraq, I remain convinced that our military involvement there is a mistake, regardless of which of the Administration's evolving rationales for sending U.S. troops there is put forward.

I was therefore pleased to receive the resolution on Iraq that was approved recently by the New England Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. This statement, which calls for an orderly withdrawal of our troops from Iraq, points out the deficiencies in our Iraq policy, while maintaining toward our military and civilian personnel serving there an appropriately supportive position. I ask that a copy of the resolution adopted by the New England Annual Conference be printed here.

RS—209 REGARDING AMERICAN PARTICIPATION
IN THE WAR IN IRAQ

(Submitted by Proposed by Betty and Dan Allen, Mark Goad, Gary Richards, Don Rudalevige, Phil Susag)

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Scripture and the call of Justice demand of Christians a bias towards peace and reconciliation. Our calling as United Methodist Christians demands that we not remain silent regarding the on-going war in Iraq. We proclaim a God who cares for all people. Clear evidence of absolute need is required before engaging in armed conflict. Such evidence does not exist to support American occupation of Iraq. The conflict has crated and spread terrorism, not lessened it. It has compromised our own attitude as to the value of human life.

Therefore, The New England Conference of the United Methodist Church calls on all churches to actively participate in peace-making through preaching, prayer, study and participation in local forums and peace actions.

Further, we call on our church members to be in regular contact with their U.S. Representatives and Senators, calling for the orderly withdrawal of troops and personnel from Iraq. We recommend that such contacts begin during the week of June 19 and continue on a monthly basis until such time as withdrawal is achieved.

Further, the Annual Conference directs the Secretary to send this resolution to the U.S. Representatives and Senators from the New England region, President Bush, Secretaries Rumsfeld and Rice.

Further, the New England Conference is called upon to support those troops returning from Iraq with our prayers, love and gratitude for their service to our country.

PAINT BANK AND WYTHEVILLE
NATIONAL FISH HATCHERIES
CONVEYANCE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. VIRGIL H. GOODE, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 10, 2006

Mr. GOODE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5061, the Paint Bank and

Wytheville National Fish Hatcheries Conveyance Act. I want to thank the Gentleman from Virginia, Mr. BOUCHER, for introducing this legislation, which grants the title to these two hatcheries to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Since 1983, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has successfully operated these two hatcheries on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Thanks to the hard work and substantial investment by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the 13 full-time employees working at the fish hatcheries, these hatcheries consistently produce large stocks of brook, brown and rainbow trout for recreational fishing every year. In fact, the Paint Bank and Wytheville Hatcheries can produce up to 861,632 trout each year, which accounts for over 40 percent of the trout stocked for public fishing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Commonwealth has also pledged to invest an additional \$4.5 million to continue renovation of these hatcheries in an effort to further enhance the hatcheries capabilities and efficiency.

There are over 2,300 miles of trout streams in Virginia and the Paint Bank and Wytheville Fish Hatcheries are vital to ensuring that these streams are well stocked with large and healthy fish populations. For this reason, I am glad to support H.R. 5061, which will allow the Commonwealth of Virginia to continue to maintain the trout population for recreational fishing for people who live in and visit Virginia. I appreciate the work of Mr. BOUCHER in crafting this legislation and I urge its passage today.

IN HONOR OF STELLAR MAMOTTO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to a woman of extraordinary achievement, her life an inspiring lesson of the power of great determination. Stellar Mamotto was born to humble beginnings in the Dodoma region of Tanzania, East Africa, one of four children. She strived for her educational development, not only for her own personal growth, but to be of service to her community. In 1995, Ms. Mamotto won a scholarship to study for a Certificate in Rural Development Planning and achieved the highest grade. She trained to become a teacher from 1996 to 1998. Just two years after qualifying, she was made Deputy Head Mistress of the Chilonwa Secondary School, a rural school in Tanzania's poorest region. Her involvement extended far beyond her educational responsibilities. She became dedicated to the long-term economic progress of the Tanzanian people through her work in community development and environmental sustainability in Chilonwa.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Mamotto knew that her own aspirations and the aspirations of the people she served in the rural areas of Tanzania depended upon her pursuing higher educational opportunities. So in September of 2003, as a result of her untiring efforts, her scholarship and her personal charisma, the resources to study abroad suddenly materialized and she found herself traveling to Canterbury, England where she enrolled in the University of Kent to study Environmental Social

Science. Her remarkable journey took her from the bush to university classroom. Finally, through great perseverance and sacrifice, she completed her studies and today, July 13, 2006, will receive her BA from the University of Kent at ceremonies in Canterbury Cathedral.

Mr. Speaker, each graduate's story is important. Some graduates, however, embody the hopes and dreams of millions of fellow countrymen and women. Stellar Mamotto's graduation represents not just the triumph of a single individual, but the triumph of the human spirit over all obstacles. And it represents a new beginning for Ms. Mamotto as she endeavors to take yet another step to even greater academic achievement.

Mr. Speaker, Members of the United States House of Representatives, please join me in honoring Ms. Stellar Mamotto for her achievement and as she continues to strive to be of service to the people of Tanzania.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2006

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to illness in June. As a result, I missed votes on H. Res. 323, H.R. 4890, H.R. 5638, H.R. 4973, H.R. 4893, H.R. 889, H. Res. 890, H. Res. 895, H.R. 4761, H.R. 5672.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of these measures.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR EMERY KING ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 28TH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF THE FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH IN WEBSTER FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 13, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Pastor Emery King's 28th anniversary serving at the Faith Baptist Church in Webster, Florida. I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to him for a job well done.

When Pastor King first came to the church, his commitment to God and to his parishioners shone through immediately. It was clear even from the first months of his tenure that he had a unique commitment to the faith and to the men and women with whom he worshipped. Over the years Pastor King has been blessed to have a church that has grown and prospered under his leadership and service.

Having spoken to many of the men and women that he has counseled and worshiped with over the past 28 years, I know that Pastor King's dedication to the Lord and to the scripture has served as an inspiration to thousands throughout the Sumter County community. His ministry has touched the hearts of many, and the Faith Baptist Church is a stronger institution because of his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, Pastor Emery King's length of service to the Faith Baptist Church of Webster is only matched by his commitment to the